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To:	**ATTN: Examiner Paul R. Fisher**	From:	Stephen A. Mason
Fax:	**571-270-6097**	Date:	July 22, 2009
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Re:	**Application No. 10/602,245**		

Message:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

THANK YOU.

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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/602,245   First Named Applicant: Len Chan

Examiner: Paul R. Fisher   Art Unit: 3689   Status of Application: Non-Final

Tentative Participants:

(1) Exr. Paul R. Fisher   (2) Stephen A. Mason

(3) _____   (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 7/23/2009   Proposed Time: 11:00 AM EST ___ AM/PM

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) [X] Telephonic   (2) [ ] Personal   (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [ ] YES   [x] NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rej.	Claim 1	Bingham, Patullo, & Fiske	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2) _____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(4) _____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Argument to be Presented:

Applicants wish to discuss the attached proposed amendment.

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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____ .
NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).
This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature	Examiner/SPE Signature
Stephen A. Mason	
Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative	
54,303	
Registration Number, if applicable	

33.   (**Currently Amended**) A method, the method comprising:

a ~~digital~~ **data** processing system receiving a request for a function space, **wherein**

the ~~digital~~ **data** processing system ~~comprising~~ **stores** availability information for

a plurality of function spaces **in a common reservation table,**

the common reservation table concurrently stores information related to an

inventory of a specific space and a category space representing the

function space,

each of the plurality of function spaces is located at **one of** a plurality of

properties**,**

~~in a common reservation table and~~ **the data processing system stores** a set of

pricing rules,

the request ~~comprising~~ **comprises** a plurality of criteria**,**

the plurality of criteria comprises

a ranking of facility quality,

and

the pricing rules ~~including~~ **comprise rules for** pricing **the function space** based

on a time of year;

determining**, using a processor,** an availability of the ~~requested~~ function space**, wherein**

the determining comprises determining the availability based upon

some or all of the availability information**,** and

one or more of the plurality of criteria, ~~wherein~~

~~said determining comprises determining said availability on a quality-~~

~~specific basis~~

said **determining comprises determining the** availability ~~is determined~~

contingent on a threshold revenue for the **function** space**,**

~~comprising~~ **the threshold revenue comprises**

an expected food and drink revenue associated with the request**, and**

revenue derived from an expected number of sleeping room rentals

associated with the request, and

the threshold revenue is determined based on a day part for which the
function space is requested;

automatically providing a real-time price quote for the ~~requested~~ request ~~function space~~
based on the set of pricing rules, wherein
~~in spite of~~ in response to having determined that the ~~a~~ requested function space
satisfying ~~the one or more of~~ the plurality of criteria is unavailable, an
alternative to the requested function space is presented, ~~wherein~~
the alternative is selected as a closest approximation to the request,
the pricing rules comprise
general pricing rules, and
property-specific pricing rules, and
the real-time price quote includes a pricing discount based on ~~the~~
an attendance of ~~the~~ an event,
profit for one or more expected guest room rentals, and
an expected profit on food and drink sales;

in response to a user rejecting the real time price quote, presenting a plurality of
alternatives;

receiving an acceptance of the real-time price quote for the ~~requested~~ function space
from a user;

establishing a reservation for the ~~requested~~ function space as the category space
allocated for a length of time including a setup period and teardown period,
wherein
said length of time is determined in response to [[for]] a selected setup style
and the attendance, ~~wherein,~~ and
if said function space is unavailable, said reservation comprises an overbooking;
and

converting, after a delay, said reservation ~~for the requested function space as category
space~~ to a reservation for the specific space, wherein
the converting comprises displaying a graphical representation of a
hierarchical relationship between the category space and the specific
space

~~the specific space is selected from a set comprising an indivisible space and a configured space of combined indivisible spaces.~~